GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Respiratory Diseases
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether respiratory ailments are on the rise in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/ UT-wise;

(b) the number of cases of respiratory ailments reported during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study/survey to assess the respiratory health status of people, if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereon; and

(d) the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

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(a) to (d) There is a slight increase in the cases of the Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) as reported by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI). The details of the cases reported due to ARI during 2013, 2014 and 2015 are placed at Annexure.

No Nationwide survey has been conducted to assess the respiratory health status of the people. As per a survey conducted by Vallabbhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi in 2006, which covered 5900 adults belonging to urban, rural and slum population in Delhi , 11.69% were found to be suffering from Rhinits and 11.03% from Asthma.

The measures being taken to prevent respiratory ailments include the following:

1. Government has taken various measures to control environmental pollution including tightening of vehicular and industrial norms, promotion of cleaner technologies, strengthening of network of air quality monitoring stations, promoting public awareness etc.
2. Under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, the Districts and States have been strengthened by providing manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team (RRT) members for outbreak investigations, strengthening of laboratories for detection of epidemic prone diseases including acute respiratory infections.
3. Under Reproductive and Child Health Programme, prevention and treatment of acute respiratory infection including pneumonia is being addressed on priority basis.
4. For prevention and control of Tuberculosis, Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) is being implemented under National Health Mission (NHM).